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1. WHILE I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MEDIA COVERAGE OF MY LUNCHEON SPEECH, I HAVE NOT PREPARED A FORMAL TEXT SINCE WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE SUCH COVERAGE. CONSEQUENTLY, I WILL BE SPEAKING FROM A FAIRLY FULL OUTLINE. IF IT WILL BE OF USE TO YOU, I AM PROVIDING HERewith SOME OF THE MAJOR POINTS I PLAN TO MAKE. SINCE THESE POINTS WILL NOT REPRESENT MY PRECISE WORDING AND IN ANY EVENT ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE, CONGEN MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR RAPID TRANSCRIPTION OF ACTUAL REMARKS AS DELIVERED FOR ANY MEDIA USE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE KEY OUTLINE POINTS OF SPEECH ENTITLED "US POLICY IN POST-VIET-NAM SOUTHEAST ASIA":

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A. THE DEBACLE IN VIET-NAM SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LONGER-TERM TREND OF GRADUAL REDUCTION OF DIRECT, ESPECIALLY MILITARY, AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ASIA. THE 1969 GUAM DOCTRINE WAS A TURNING POINT IN THIS DIRECTION.

B. THE US CONTINUES TO HAVE IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN SEA. ONE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S SIX PRINCIPLES AS STATED IN THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE IN HONOLULU LAST DECEMBER STRESSED THE CONTINUING US STAKE AND STABILITY IN SECURITY IN A REGION IN WHICH, IN THE ASEAN NATIONS ALONE, RESIDE A TOTAL POPULATION EQUAL TO THAT OF THE US. THE AREA HAS ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES, SKILLED LEADERS AND A DETERMINATION TO DEVELOP THEMSELVES, AND IS ENGAGING IN GROWING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN MANY FIELDS.

C. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISITS TO INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES, AND VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE, AS WELL AS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, ARE INDICATIVE OF OUR CONTINUING ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE AREA.

D. PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF US POLICY: (1) MAINTAIN CONTINUING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ALL FRIENDLY AND ALLIED NATIONS IN SEA. (2) PRESERVE A FLEXIBLE AND BALANCED POSITION OF STRENGTH ESSENTIAL TO THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE PACIFIC. (3) MAINTAIN HARMONIOUS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS OF THE AREA. (4) PROVIDE MODEST AMOUNTS OF SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES. (5) HELP REDUCE TENSIONS AND RESOLVE OUTSTANDING POLITICAL CONFLICTS TO AVERT HOSTILITIES.

E. POLICIES VIS-A-VIS INDOCHINA: (1) LOOK TO THE FUTURE IN OUR RELATIONS RATHER THAN TO THE PAST. (2) RESPOND TO GESTURES OF GOODWILL. (3) OBSERVE INDOCHINA ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS NEIGHBORS AND THE U.S., INCLUDING THEIR ACCOUNTING FOR MIA'S. (4) LOOK TOWARD EVENTUAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, AND BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN SUCH FIELDS AS TRAVEL AND TRADE, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECT THIS TO BE A GRADUAL PROCESS.

3. CONGEN MAY EMPLOY ABOVE OUTLINE REMARKS AS IT BELIEVES USEFUL. INGERSOLL

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